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LITERATURE PRIZE

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Entries now open for Australia's most prestigious business literature prize

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The State Library of NSW is calling for entries in the 14th Ashurst Business Literature Prize, Australia's richest and most prestigious literary award for business writing.

The \$30,000 Prize was established by Ashurst to reward exceptional literary works in the fields of finance and business and, importantly, to promote awareness about Australia's commercial life among the general community.

NSW State Librarian Dr John Vallance said: "This prize has become one of the most significant in Australia, and we at the State Library are delighted to be able to support it."

Most recent prize winners include: Catherine Bishop for *Minding Her Own Business: Colonial businesswomen in Sydney* (NewSouth); Stuart Kells for *Penguin and the Lane Brothers: The Untold Story of a Publishing Revolution* (Penguin Books Australia); and Andrew Burrell for *Twiggy: The High Stakes Life* (Black Inc.).

Prize entries can encompass corporate and commercial literature, histories, accounts or analyses of corporate affairs, and biographies of distinguished entrepreneurs, magnates and business icons.

Ashurst Regional Head Australia Phil Breden said: "For 14 years, the prize has recognised some of the finest writers who have canvassed a diverse range of topics on Australia's business and financial affairs. Ashurst is proud to have established and continued to support this important prize with the State Library of NSW."

The Ashurst Business Literature Prize is administered by the State Library of NSW on behalf of Ashurst. Eligible books must have been first published between 1 September 2016 and 31 August 2017, and be commercially available in Australia within this period. Application forms and [guidelines can be downloaded here](#).

The winner of the 2017 prize will be announced in early 2018.

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